

STEPHENSON TO BE FIRST.

Latest Programme for the Prosecution of Police Officials.

Charges Will Be Formulated as Soon as Possible.

Assistant District Attorney Wellman, who has charge of the prosecution of the police officials accused by witnesses before the Lexow Committee, visited Police Headquarters at noon today and had a consultation with Supt. Byrne. He remained in the latter's private office over half an hour, and then together they went up to the offices of the Police Commissioners and held a consultation with them.

Mr. Wellman, who has been engaged during the past week tabulating the evidence taken before the Lexow Committee, stated on his arrival at Police Headquarters that he would proceed at once to prepare charges against the accused police officials. He said, however, that he could make no definite statement in regard to the order in which they would be prosecuted until he had further examined the evidence and consulted with the Commissioners and Superintendent.

In all probability, he said, Police Capt. Stephenson's case will be the first one to be taken up by the Commissioners, though it cannot be said positively at the present time.

Box-maker Ryan testified before the Committee that he had paid Stephenson \$100 for allowing him to obstruct the street in front of his store. His check-book was also produced to show that he had paid the Captain the money.

The Police Commissioners will hold their regular weekly meeting Wednesday at which time it is probable that formal charges against one or more of the accused police officials will be considered by the Board.

It is not believed that any of the cases will be brought to trial this week. The Police Board can bring up any case for trial after charges have been prepared upon two days' notice.

A number of the witnesses who appeared before the Lexow Committee were summoned to the Police Department's office this morning to meet Mr. Wellman and be privately examined by him. Some of the witnesses were Mr. Sanford, who formerly kept a disorderly house, who was on hand at 10 o'clock; Mr. Wellman's private office, but immediately upon his arrival in town this morning from Southampton, L. I., where he was staying, went to Police Headquarters.

Mr. Wellman said that at the consultation with the Commissioners nothing definite had been decided about Capt. Stephenson's trial or that of any other accused police official. It was very probable that any definite charges would be formulated as rapidly as possible, and that there would be no unnecessary delay in bringing the accused officials to trial.

Mr. Wellman will devote the afternoon to examining witnesses in his private office. Lancy Nicol, when seen by an "Evening World" reporter this morning, said that he had nothing to say over to do with any of the proceedings against the uniformed members of the force before the Committee. He had not been retained, he said, to defend any of the men, and his duties and responsibilities in connection with the Police Department were over until the Lexow Committee assembled again in the Fall.

Laurea Friend & House was called to appear for several of the accused police men when the trials come on.

MRS. MILLER MUST SETTLE.

Unless she Pays \$267.97 she Will Be Taken to Jail.

Judge Blischoff of the Court of Common Pleas, to-day rendered a decision giving Mrs. Caroline M. Miller, who is alleged, is also known as Mettie Rodman, and Mrs. Brink, the alternative of payment of \$267.97 or imprisonment. This decision is the result of Mrs. Miller's refusing to answer certain questions in her examination and the referee in proceedings to foreclose a mortgage on the house, 6 West Eighty-second street, in the name of Mrs. Rodman.

It is alleged that Henry B. Sira, the defendant in the father's breach-of-promise suit is the real party in interest, and Mrs. Miller is shielding him.

Mrs. Miller refused to tell the referee whether she was the wife of Sira. She was before Judge Pryor several months ago, charged with contempt of court in this connection.

With Judge Blischoff's decision is an order for her commitment to jail unless she pays the fine.

ANTI-JESUIT LAWS STAND.

The Bundesrat Rejects the Bill Repealing Them.

BERLIN, July 9.—The Bundesrat has rejected the bill repealing the anti-Jesuit laws.

CAUGHT IN A TRAP.

Witness Fell a Victim to the Lawyer's Shrewdness.

In a certain case of damages for false imprisonment the plaintiff had been a saleswoman in a dry-goods establishment. Suspicious of the motives of the plaintiff, the defendant's attorneys procured a search warrant and went with a policeman to her apartment, where they found a large quantity of goods and a woman who was believed to have stolen and arrested her. However, they were unable to identify these goods and the woman was acquitted, says the San Francisco Argonaut.

Thereupon she brought suit for \$50,000 for false imprisonment. The woman took the witness stand and Judge Barrett asked her a series of questions.

"You said," asked the lawyer, "that your accuser brushed past you as you opened the door and began to search your room?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"And that in a bureau they found articles which they claimed to be theirs, and which they accused you of having stolen?"

"Yes, sir."

"Suddenly the lawyer's manner grew intensely earnest and dramatic."

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